



Ada County, Idaho

A Report to Our Citizens 2012



Introduction

Ada County is a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Our neighbors, mild climate and natural surroundings contribute to a quality of life that is second to none. Ada County, as a branch of government, has a key role in preserving and enhancing the life-style we all enjoy.

This report is designed to provide an overview of how your county government has performed over the past few years. Also included is a breakdown of county finances and a look ahead at future initiatives and developments.

Profile of the Government

Ada County is the most populous county in Idaho, as well as the center for commerce and industry. Boise City is the county seat of Ada County and home to the State Capitol. Other incorporated cities within its boundaries are Eagle, Garden City, Kuna, Meridian and Star.

A three member elected commission with

overlapping terms governs the County. Responsibilities of the County Commissioners include passing ordinances, adopting the budget, and appointing the heads of various departments. Other elected officials within the County include the Assessor, Clerk of the District Court, Coroner, Prosecutor, Sheriff and Treasurer.

The county provides these essential governmental activities, including: police protection, prosecution and defense services, emergency disaster preparedness, general administrative services, court services, election services, property assessment and tax collections, code enforcement, parks and recreation, and health and welfare. In addition, emergency medical services, sanitation, fair activities, and billing services are provided as business type activities, with user fees providing revenue to pay operating expenses.

Selected Demographics*

	2010	2011
Population	392,365	400,842
Per Capita Income	\$38,633	\$39,734
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.0%
Percent of Total Workforce in Government	16%	15%
Number of County Employees	1,630	1,626

*Data for 2012 not yet available.

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Mission

"To provide effective and efficient services and programs essential to our community's quality of life."

Vision

"... demonstrate fiscal responsibility and professional excellence and to be recognized for providing innovative and proactive solutions for our communities through open and accessible government."

Philosophy

"Built on a foundation of our values — humanity, excellence, integrity, trust, and stewardship — we serve as leaders in our community."

How We Have Progressed

Fiscal year 2012 (Oct 1, 2011 - Sept 30, 2012)



What the County Does for You: Selected County Services

Below is data on selected County services provided in the five previous fiscal years. The amount of the services provided will vary depending on demand and/or resources available.

For more information on what the County does for you please visit www.adaweb.net

2012 Accomplishments

- Mixing and Storage Facility for Weed/ Pest/ Mosquito** -The new facility will provide for proper mixing and storage of chemicals and creates efficiencies of operations to protect our citizens from West Nile virus and invasive weeds
- Community Paramedic Program** -The Community Paramedic Program will utilize EMS' existing community-based workforce of providers. These 'health coaches' are low-cost healthcare providers that deliver high quality and cost-effective prevention, care and disease management services. It is the county's hope that in the long term, this initiative will reduce 911 calls and costs.
- Emergency Communication Towers** - Improve emergency responsiveness through the installation of two new emergency communication towers and upgraded three others to provide 700 MHz standard and to establish better coverage throughout the county.
- Financial Reporting Excellence** - The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Ada County for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the twenty-fourth consecutive year that Ada County has received this prestigious award.

Governmental Activities

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
General Government					
Number of recorded documents	145,792	140,572	124,804	110,723	131,044
Primary election participation* (calendar year)	39,518	-	43,958	-	33,644
General election participation* (calendar year)	181,656	-	122,175	-	184,040
Residential building permits issued (outside cities)	459	176	193	160	308
Commercial building permits issued (outside cities)	19	8	3	13	12
Motor vehicles registered (calendar year)	311,489	299,807	312,324	317,490	n/a
Driver's licenses in force (calendar year)	265,195	269,456	274,164	280,056	n/a

Weed / Pest / Mosquito

Acres sprayed for weed control	4,272	3,261	5,915	4,535	3,601
Acres sprayed for pest control	106,668	125,548	42,322	51,927	37,022
Acres sprayed for mosquito abatement	68,135	105,609	57,744	54,258	56,651

Public Safety

Traffic violations issued	68,311	62,648	61,276	60,358	66,533
Physical arrests	25,038	24,672	21,502	20,455	18,647
Average jail population	946	887	879	892	865

Indigent Services

Number of indigent cases processed	2,485	2,477	2,893	2,699	2,605
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Barber Park

Number of visitors	127,507	111,338	113,275	110,800	111,399
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Business Type Activities

Number of EMS responses	22,803	20,018	21,157	22,370	22,132
Cubic yards of trash deposited at landfill (in 1000's)	1,580	1,340	1,211	1,195	1,177
Western Idaho Fair attendance	232,674	225,046	217,769	224,731	233,523

*The measures reported on this page were included based on the information provided by various county departments except those denoted with an * which were provided by the Secretary of State.*

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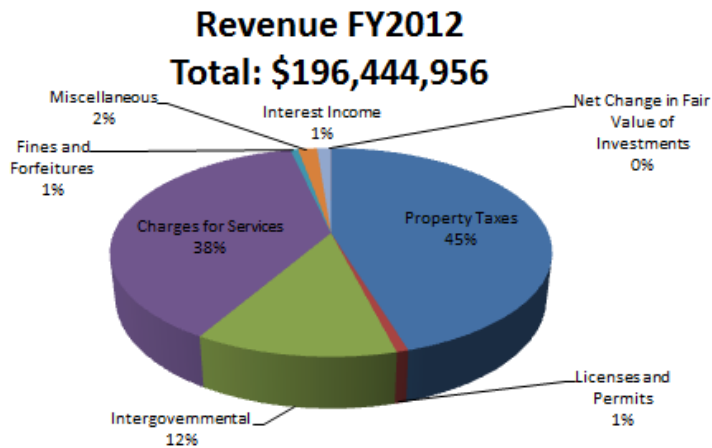
Our Finances

Revenues and Expenses

What are the costs for servicing the citizens and how are those costs paid?

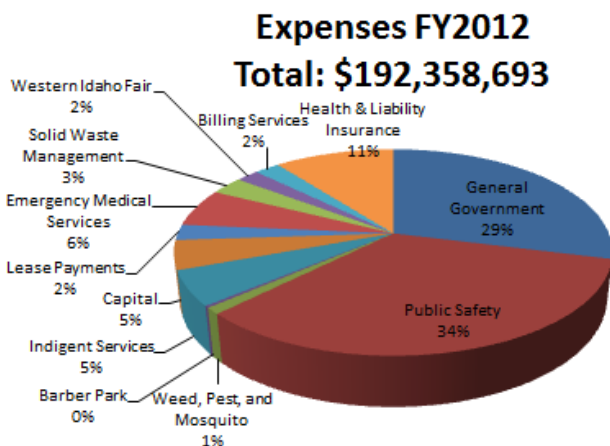
Government services are provided to enhance the quality of citizens' lives. These services generally are financed through taxes and intergovernmental revenues, while business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties. Mandated services are the primary responsibility of government as they are required by Federal or State government via statute, or constitutional provision. Ada County's fiscal year begins on October 1.

Revenue



Revenue Type	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012
Property Taxes	\$88,353,266	\$88,932,948
Licensess and Permits	1,357,644	1,451,436
Intergovernmental	23,858,817	24,458,217
Charges for Services	69,423,873	74,591,178
Fines and Forfeitures	1,542,318	1,365,628
Miscellaneous	3,484,406	3,266,916
Interest Income	2,091,188	2,283,734
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	92,558	94,899
Total	\$190,204,070	\$196,444,956

Expenditures



Expense	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012
General Government*	\$51,833,010	\$55,684,557
Public Safety	62,303,788	64,698,759
Weed, Pest, and Mosquito	1,993,245	1,972,854
Barber Park	727,596	578,605
Indigent Services	12,570,816	10,458,699
Capital (expenses over \$20K)	4,564,967	8,850,103
Lease Payments	4,573,989	4,708,022
Emergency Medical Services	10,914,600	11,474,269
Landfill	7,971,537	5,543,888
Western Idaho Fair	3,695,579	3,841,347
Billing Services	2,395,015	4,276,903
Health & Liability Insurance	23,216,599	20,270,687
Total	\$186,760,741	\$192,358,693

*Includes the following departments, Clerk of the Court, Treasurer, Assessor, Motor Vehicle, Operations, Information Technology, Development Services, Administrative Services, Appraisal, Land Records and District Court.

Independent Audit

An Independent audit of the County's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information can be found at www.adaweb.net

What's Next

Key Initiatives in 2013



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Public Safety

- **Biometric Scanners** - The Sheriff plans to install biometric technology in the main jail to verify inmates and staff entering and exiting the facility by verifying their identity through measurable hand geometry.
- **Jail Expansion** - It is anticipated that the capacity of the Jail to house the more violent inmates away from the general dormitory population will be exceeded in the next year or so. An expansion to the current jail will add 88 beds for the purpose of housing more violent inmates.
- **Adult Misdemeanor Probation** - Beginning October 1, 2012, the adult misdemeanor probation program will be administered by the Ada County Sheriff's Office. This is being done to create efficiencies in the probation process.

Health and Human Services

- **E.M.S Expansion** - Emergency Medical Services is looking to locate and build a new station in South East Ada County.
- **Emergency Preparedness** - County wide effort to establish procedures and regulations in the case of a natural disaster or emergency in order to maintain vital county functions.

Fiscal Strength and Transparency

- Emphasize long-term planning so as to assure the sustainability of Ada County's essential services.
- Receive a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Review for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.



Ada County Courthouse